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THE *President's* PAGE

Less than four months remain in this another year of our Association work. Months that will be filled with completing preparations for our Annual Meeting in Miami, November 8th-11th. Our President-Elect as Program Chairman and the Florida girls have been working hard to give us another wonderful meeting. I hope that many of you are planning to be with us to help celebrate our Thirtieth Anniversary. If you have not made your hotel reservations may I impress upon you that it is important you do so at once. The Roney Plaza on Miami Beach is to be our headquarters.

I feel sure that our Founder Juliette A. Southard would be very proud of the progress we have made these thirty years. Seeing her dream of an educational program for training dental assistants a reality I know would make her happy. How much we owe to her and the others in the group who organized our National Association. September is the birthday of our Founder. Let us show our gratitude to her by contributing to the Juliette Southard Relief Fund.

September will see many local groups holding their first meeting after the summer recess. In many cases new officers will be taking over for their first meeting. Have you planned your program well in advance? Set up an agenda to follow for your business session. Do not let your meetings drag. Take time in planning and you will see how very smooth the meeting will run. Those of you who are not holding an office don't be just a member, be a good member. Assist your officers whenever asked. Be willing to do your part. Don't be the one to drag your feet and thus slow down progress. I assure you that you will be glad you put forth the effort.

Recently I re-read the paper given by our Founder just a few hours before her death. The title was "What Price Progress?" and was read before the first Annual Meeting of the Florida State Dental Assistants Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 12, 1940.

In closing I would like to quote from Mrs. Southard's paper. "It has been said that 'where independence is equal, the dependence mutual and the obligations reciprocal, success is assured.' So let us heed this axiom and work as best we can to make our dreams come true, that we may be proud of the legacy we shall leave those that come after, and follow in our foot-steps of service to the dental profession, for the uplift and welfare of humanity."

Sincerely,

LILLIAN HOFFMAN, *President.*

IT'S ALMOST HERE !!

WHAT ?? Convention time—of course

WHERE ?? Miami Beach, Florida—if you please

WHEN ?? November 8th through 11th—a wonderful time to combine a winter vacation with convention.

So—

LET'S pack our grips with

ALL our duds, and everyone

GO to the convention. You'll want

TO see all your old friends and

MIAMI BEACH is a perfect place to do it.

BETTY MACY of *Miami* says—

"Are you thinking of making an investment with some of those hard earned dollars you have been saving? If so, I have a suggestion—invest in a convention-vacation. Dividends? Yes! It will brighten your perspective, recharge your vitality, earn for you a host of new friends, add to your fund of happy memories, and in general improve your disposition by giving you a bright new outlook. You will return to your office with new ideas and enthusiasm about dental assisting—in no time at all your pay check might show a sizeable increase.

After reading the last issue *The Dental Assistant* no doubt many of you clipped the reservations blank it carried and applied for your reservations at the Roney Plaza Hotel. If you were fortunate enough to be placed in the Roney a treat is in store for you. There, two wonderful guys, "Stew" Campbell and Harry Eskey, who are in charge, are working very hard toward preparation for the convention. They intend to make certain that your visit will be one you will long remember and never regret.

You veteran conventionaires are, I am sure, aware of the fact that only a certain number of rooms in headquarters hotel can be allotted to us, and no doubt many who apply for reservations there will be disappointed. However, you need

not be—we have a wonderful suggestion for you as a second choice—The Promenade. This hotel is very near the Roney and, aside from a palatial garden, can offer you the same type of accommodations, service and entertainment. And it has one of the "dreamiest guys" in charge of its management you will ever meet! He, too, is working with us in every way possible to make your stay there equally as exciting as it might be at the Roney.

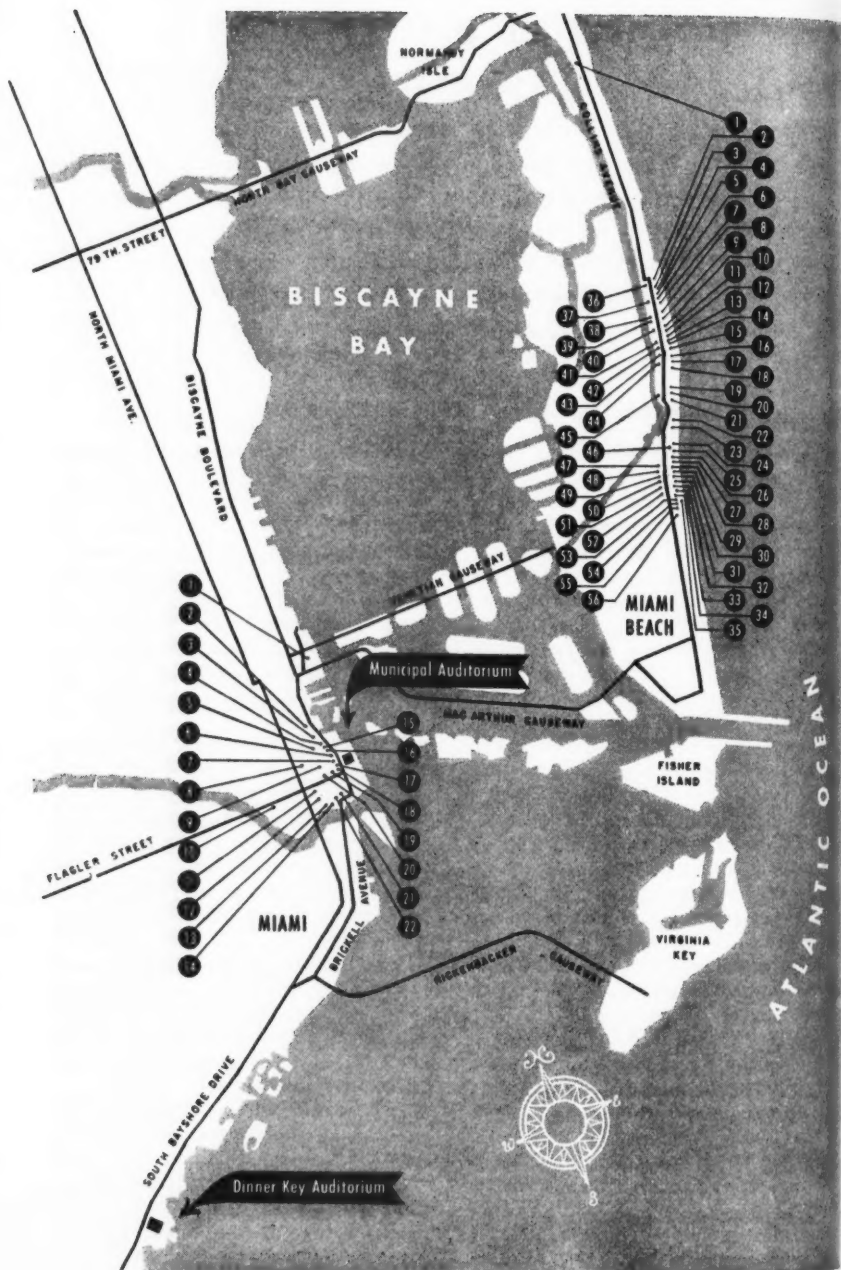
At either of these hotels you will be right in the heart of Miami Beach's "Gold Coast" area where you will find top entertainment, unexcelled food in beautiful dining places, ultra modern shops, and atmosphere "a-plenty." You will be stopping just a few blocks away from Lincoln Road—the Rue-de-la Paix of the western world.

There are many other reasons, too numerous to mention here, why you shouldn't miss being among the visitors for this 30th annual convention of the A.D.A.A. So—Y'all Come—Won'tcha? You'll enjoy it, I know."

MARIA BOTHEN, of *Miami*, *General Chairman of Convention Arrangements*, says—

"Welcome A.D.A.A.'ers From Everywhere!

"I hope your plans to attend the 30th
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Hotels in MIAMI

Key no.	Hotel	Single	Double	Key no.	Hotel	Single	Double
2	Alcazar	\$5.00	\$ 6.00-\$ 7.00	3	Liberty		6.00
11	Alhambra		7.00	18	McAlister	5.00-7.00	8.00- 12.00
9	Belfort	5.00	6.00- 7.00	6	Miami Colonial	5.00-6.00	8.00- 10.00
16	Berni		5.00- 7.00	19	Paramount		6.00- 8.00
5	Biscayne			21	Patricia	5.00	7.00
	Terrace	8.00	10.00- 14.00	4	Plaza	5.00	7.00- 8.00
7	Columbus	6.00-7.00	8.00- 12.00	20	Ponce de Leon	8.00	10.00- 12.00
8	Cortez	4.00	5.00- 7.00	14	Robert Clay	5.00-6.00	5.00- 7.00
12	Dallas Park		10.00	22	Towers	4.00	6.00
10	El Comodoro	5.00-6.00	8.00- 12.00	13	Tuttle		6.00
15	Everglades	5.00-8.00	8.00- 12.00	1	Venetian	5.00-6.00	6.00- 8.00
17	Leamington		6.00- 7.00				

Hotels in MIAMI BEACH

Key no.	Hotel	Single	Double	Key no.	Hotel	Single	Double
7	Atlantic Towers	\$7.00	\$9.00	10	President		
21	Atlantis	5.00	6.00		Madison	\$7.00	\$8.00
22	Belmar	8.00	10.00- 12.00	23	Promenade	8.00	10.00- 12.00
20	Billows		6.00	42	Rendale	4.00	5.00
9	Cadillac		6.00- 8.00	32	Richmond	5.00	6.00
43	Capri	6.00	8.00	16	Robert Richter	6.00	8.00
11	Caribbean	6.00	8.00	25	Roney Plaza		10.00- 14.00
50	Catalina		5.00- 6.00	55	Sagamore		8.00
40	Claridge	3.00	5.00	52	San Juan	5.00	6.00
37	Continental	4.00	5.00	6	San Marino	8.00	10.00
27	Cromwell	6.00	8.00	18	Sans Souci		10.00- 14.00
38	Croydon Arms	5.00	6.00	17	Saxony		12.00
45	Del Prado	5.00	6.00- 8.00	34	Seacomber		10.00
53	Delano		10.00	26	Sea Gull		8.00- 10.00
56	di Lido		10.00- 14.00	31	Shelbourne	8.00	10.00- 12.00
47	Dorchester	4.00	5.00	48	Shelby	4.00	5.00
41	El Morocco	5.00	8.00	29	Shore Club		8.00- 12.00
44	Embassy	6.00	8.00	14	Shoremade	8.00	10.00
4	Empress		10.00- 14.00	2	Sorrento	8.00	10.00
51	Gale	4.00	5.00	33	South Seas	5.00	6.00
5	Good	4.00- 6.00	7.00- 11.00	3	Sovereign		10.00
8	Lord Tarleton	10.00	12.00	35	Surfcomber	8.00	10.00
49	Maxine		6.00	36	Surrey		8.00
1	Monte Carlo	8.00-12.00	9.00- 13.00	46	Town House		6.00
54	National		6.00	24	Traymore	5.00- 8.00	6.00- 10.00
30	Nautilus		15.00	19	Triton	4.00	6.00- 8.00
12	Ocean Grande	4.00	5.00- 7.00	28	Vanderbilt	6.00	8.00
13	Patrician	5.00	6.00	15	Versailles		8.00- 12.00
				39	Wilshire		4.00

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Hotel reservation application

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INSTRUCTIONS: Reservations for hotel accommodations may be secured for either Miami or Miami Beach by completing this application and mailing it to: A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 320 N.E. Fifth Street, Miami, Florida.

Be sure to indicate your arrival time in Miami. Reservations will be held only until 6 p.m. of the day you indicate when you will arrive in Miami. Failure to notify the hotel of any last minute change in your arrival time may result in cancellation of the reservation.

Names of all persons who intend to occupy the accommodations must be listed on the application.

List four choices of hotels. Confirmation will be sent to the applicant indicating which hotel has accepted the reservation.

Write the A.D.A. Housing Bureau in Miami if you wish to cancel the reservation.

A.D.A. Housing Bureau

320 N.E. Fifth Street, Miami, Florida

(Please print or type)

A.D.A.

Applicant:

Name _____

(Street address) (City) (Zone) (State)

Arrival in Miami _____ a.m.
p.m. Leaving _____

Accommodations:

Hotel _____ Hotel _____
(First choice) (Third choice)

Hotel _____ Hotel _____
(Second choice) (Fourth choice)

- ☐ Single occupancy, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.
☐ Double occupancy, double bed, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day. } 2 names must
☐ Double occupancy, twin beds, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day. } be listed below
☐ Suite of _____ rooms, including parlor, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.

Occupants: (use an extra page for listing additional names if necessary)

Room will be occupied by:

(Name) (Address) (City) (State)

(Name) (Address) (City) (State)

VOICE OF THE DELEGATES

So you have been chosen by your state society to represent it as a delegate to the A.D.A.A. convention in Miami Beach in November! Congratulations! This expression of confidence from your association is a compliment to you.

We are sure you are aware of the fact that in accepting this important appointment you accepted a responsibility, which you are obligated to be prepared to fulfill efficiently. Perhaps some of you accepted the appointment with misgivings. Perhaps this is your first time to attend an A.D.A.A. convention or to serve as a delegate. Perhaps you feel that you will be the only new member of the House of Delegates. Perhaps you are wondering what is expected of you, what it is all about. Perhaps you are a bit frightened as you know nothing about parliamentary procedure. Perhaps you are justified in some of your thinking, and perhaps some of your fears are unfounded. If this is to be an entirely new experience for you, there is justification for your feeling that you should prepare yourself to properly discharge this duty. You are probably wrong if you feel that you will be the only inexperienced member in the house of delegates. You may learn a great deal by asking questions, and among other things you may learn that some of your fellow members are just as ignorant of parliamentary usage as you are. Knowledge of the latter will be small comfort to you, however, when the meeting gets underway in November. So we still have a problem—let's talk about it—shall we?

For the successful conduct of a meeting and for the accomplishment of a common purpose, more is necessary than just a capable presiding officer and a good secretary. Certain responsibilities devolve upon the members of the House of delegates also. A meeting where the delegates sit silent and bewildered during the business session cannot be expected to accomplish much. When the chairman

asks for an expression of opinion on a question submitted to the assembly and receives only embarrassed silence in return, the whole purpose of the assembly is in danger of defeat. For the presiding officer to cope with too many and too long harangues on a pending motion is very trying, but to cope with bland and unresponsive silence is, if anything, even more difficult. In such cases, if the President has heard expressions of valuable opinion from individuals in the course of private conversations, she may call upon such individuals to express in public what they have already said in private. Once the ice is broken others will follow and soon the question at issue will be receiving full and frank discussion.

The delegates should never forget that this is their association, and that they not only have rights but also duties. To sit silent during a debate, and then afterwards express disapproval and resentment at the action taken, is not to be a loyal and useful delegate. On the other hand, to feel too obscure and useless to take part in the discussion of the assembly is not to be a very helpful and cooperative delegate. Every delegate, however new she may be, has the same right as a delegate who has served many times to submit propositions, to explain and recommend them in discussion, to have them examined and decided upon by a majority vote of the house of delegates. It is the duty of every delegate not to obstruct any other delegate in the enjoyment of equal rights.

If your knowledge of parliamentary law is scant your questions might well be, "What is this game called parliamentary law? Who is to say what is right and what isn't? Why not just say what you mean in plain English and let it go at that? Why follow rules of parliamentary procedure? Why have minutes and committee reports and what not? It would be just as reasonable to say,

"Why have Officers and a Board of Trustees?" All these things don't happen by chance; are not done for effect. Our association conducts its business according to methods which have been used for many years, some of them for centuries. We are a group of individuals banded together for a common purpose, and whatever any group's purpose some form of organization is inevitable. There must be some guidance for discussion as well as action. And so we have elected Officers, Trustees, Committees, delegates and the use of proper parliamentary procedure. The function and duties of these Officers, Trustees and committee chairmen at this meeting are the outgrowth of experience and knowledge gained through the years; many of them have served their local, state and national organization in various capacities. Each of them have spent many hours in the past year studying association policies and problems. These have been made familiar to them through reams of correspondence between Officers, Trustees, Committee members, and central office employees within the past year. Now the ones which must be acted upon are being compiled and will be presented to you, the delegates, for your consideration and action at this meeting. And the action you take in these few short days of this meeting will outline the policies and directives for the function of the association in the coming year, and in some instances for years to come. Are you, as your Officers and Trustees have done, preparing yourself to act intelligently and in and for the best interests of the association when called upon to cast your vote on these issues?

You may say, "How can I in the short time remaining before the meeting so prepare myself?"

Your first and most valuable source of information is your A.D.A.A. By-Laws. These outline the fundamental principles on which the association is to operate; establish rules of guidance by which it is to function; outline types of member-

ship; explain the handling of finances and the election of officers, trustees, committee members and their duties. Most important of all to you at this time, it clearly explains the POWERS and DUTIES of the house of delegates at the annual session—page 11, article IX. A thorough study of these By-laws will give you an amazing amount of information that will serve you well when you get to Miami Beach in November.

In regard to the usage of parliamentary law—it is not necessary that you have a broad knowledge of parliamentary law, and its usage, to serve efficiently as a delegate to the A.D.A.A. The President has made it her business to be informed on the proper conduct of the meeting and a parliamentarian will be on hand to advise and assist when needed. It is your business to be a cooperative delegate, which will make this meeting move swiftly and efficiently, accomplishing its intended purpose. You should know how motions are made, amended and dispensed with; when to rise and how to gain recognition from the chair; how to enter into debate and discussion; how to make nominations and how elections are conducted. You can very quickly and easily gain the necessary knowledge by reading one of the many books explaining these points, which are available at any book store in your city*. Roberts Rules of Order is the parliamentary authority for the association, but we recommend that you buy something that discusses and describes parliamentary law, as written in R. R. of O., in a simple, and easily and quickly understood manner. When you have done this, and the day for the first house of delegates meeting arrives, should some of your newly acquired knowledge desert you and you feel you might make an error if you speak, don't let it bother you. Do your best, there will be others who will likely make errors too. There will be an understanding teacher (a parliamentarian) there to assist, not criticize, you. These meetings are conducted for learning—we all learn many things to-

gether at every one of them. A minor error in parliamentary usage will do no irreparable harm.

How can you acquaint yourself with some of the questions that will possibly be brought to your attention at the meeting? In the files of your local and state officers there are brochures and letters from Officers, your Trustee and from Committees of the A.D.A.A. that have been sent throughout the year to inform, guide and assist your society. These should be made available to you upon request. Throughout the year the DENTAL ASSISTANT has carried notices from various sources about the association — re-read your back copies. You will be notified in advance, either through the journal or bulletins, if there are to be proposed revisions to the present By-Laws. Study these and discuss them with your local members. Instructions for delegates will be sent to you or your officers, and should be in your hands in time for you to review them prior to the meeting. **THESE ARE IMPORTANT!** When you arrive in the convention city your District Trustee will most likely call a meeting of all delegates from her district. She is qualified to answer questions you may have in mind.

Prior to the first House of Delegates session the Board of Trustees will have met, discussed the administrative affairs of the association, reviewed recommendations that have been received, in general set the stage for the show. They will prepare recommendations from the board, as appear to the majority of this board to be in and for the best interest of the association. A Recommendations Committee, appointed to serve during this meeting, will present all recommendations to you for consideration and action. In many instances it will be moved that a recommendation be referred to a committee for further study. It is not always practical in sessions to discuss and decide immediately what action should be taken. Frequently it seems wise to secure more accurate and complete information in

regard to the subject at issue. This foundation work must be done by a committee and the results brought back at a later meeting when the delegates have the right to discuss, amend, accept or reject it. These methods of transacting business in accordance with proper Parliamentary Law are for a sure and definite method of accomplishing the wishes of the majority.

The voice of one delegate represents the voice of approximately fifty A.D.A.A. members from 45 state associations and the Territory of Hawaii that comprise our American Dental Assistants Association, which at the time of this writing has 7,225 members. So delegates, exercise your prerogative—**USE THAT VOICE**, but be sure you use it discreetly, wisely and well.

- Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance—By O. Garfield Jones.
- Parliamentary Law for the Layman.
- Learning Parliamentary Procedure—By Alice Sturgis.

Ed Note: Ye Old Editor's reflections prompted the writing of this message to the delegates-to-be at the A.D.A.A.'s 30th annual session soon to convene on Miami's shores. She hopes she heard their unspoken questions correctly above the clicking of the typewriter keys, and that her suggestions might be helpful to them.

A RECIPE FOR RUM OMELETTE

Take two jiggers of Jamaica Rum or Bacardi Rum, I don't care which—you're eating the omelette. Drink one of the jiggers of rum. Put four eggs in a bowl. Drink the other jigger of rum. Lick the stuffin outa the eggs. Pour out two more jiggers of rum. Drink one. Put shum buzzer an' shalt and three shablespoonfuls cream in eggs. Beat 'em shum 'ore. Sherve 'em right. Drink another jigger'r rum. Mix up eggs an' cream. Drink anuzzer jigger rum. Shling eggs 'nta alley. Who wansh omelette anyway?

This Above All,

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

By ESTHER RAMSEY

A great deal of time and energy has been expended in the presentation of papers and clinics designated to further the assistant in the professional office. During the time I have been in the association, I have heard little relative to the assistant's part in her association, which furthers her education in her profession.

How many of us really recognize the important factor these groups play? Are we aware of the fact that without them we would have been struggling through all these years for knowledge, and unless we were the type who was prone to devoting all of her spare time to study, would have only a mere fragment of the training we have received?

And, what part have we played? Have we shown our appreciation and gratefulness by honestly and sincerely serving our group, whatever the level might be, to the best of our ability?

As an individual member, we owe to our group our constant attendance, our undivided attentions, our wholehearted interest, and our earnest desire to be of whatever assistance we may be able to render. It is our duty as a member to know just as much about the "why" of the functions of our organization as it is to know the "why" in the performance of our professional duties. Groups such as ours just don't happen, nor do they function, on any level, in a hap-hazard manner. There is a definite reason for their existence, and a definite reason for their being conducted in the manner they are. You and I should, therefore, know our aims, our expectations, and the many, many steps it requires to accomplish our objectives. Our Dental Assistant Journal, our State and local publications are brought to us for the purpose of acquainting us with these factors, as well as offering material for educational benefits. Most

of the "whys" can be found by a serious study of these publications.

As "officer material" our obligations and responsibilities increase. In addition to the above, we owe to our group leadership, not based on personal glorification and achievement, but based on accomplishing that which is beneficial to all concerned. We also owe a sincere and honest endeavor to guide those who are looking to us in the direction of their objective, and with an attitude of selflessness, humility and gratitude. To our fellow officers, we owe cooperativeness, dependability, understanding, tolerance, and a knack for being able to give over the 50 per cent mark. To our group we further owe perseverance. No job, whether large or small, committee work or otherwise, is a snap. It all requires time, lots of it, letters, phone calls, cards, in some instances personal visits, and meetings, meetings and more meetings.

To ourselves—this is our obligation: "This above all, to thine own self be true"—a noteworthy statement borrowed from the bard, Shakespeare. As a recipient of all the benefits we have enjoyed, have we fulfilled this? Have we been in constant attendance, given our attentions, interests, been helpful, have we been a leader with selflessness, honesty, sincerity, tolerance, understanding, dependability? Have we been humble, or a "big wheel"—have we stuck to our task, and not complained about how much work and time it has taken, or that we have been disappointed?

If we can answer "yes" to all these, tomorrow when we look in the mirror, we will not find it difficult, to face ourselves.

(Presented before the Miami District Dental Assistants Association, April, 1953.)

Can Dental Nurses Become a National Scandal?

By ALBERTA REED

YES!!!—if we do not keep our eyes, our hearts, our ideals and our common sense firmly fixed on the pledge we took when we elected to become dental nurses. At that time we dedicated ourselves to "be loyal to the *welfare* of the patients who come under my care . . . to the interests of the practitioner whom I *serve* . . . be just and generous to the members of my profession . . . to be *loyal*, to be *just*, to be *generous*, to be *pure*, to be *upright*, to be *observant*, to be *tactful*, to be *studious* . . . to devote my best energies to the *service* of humanity . . ."

What prompts me to ask you this question? The national scandal hanging over the heads of our registered nurses all over this country! And the words "national scandal" are not mine—they are the indictment of doctors, directors of hospitals, patients, newspaper reporters and the tragic loss of trust, integrity, health and even life at the careless hands of some of our graduate and student nurses. This is not a localized condition . . . it exists nation-wide . . . and, like all bad conditions, it is not a one hundred percent situation. It is bringing heartaches and shame to many splendid, truly dedicated and conscientious nurses across our land.

Responsible surveys from Boston and New York to Los Angeles and San Francisco have turned up such tragedies as the young woman who, having completed a long and difficult delivery of her first child, was administered a stimulant every three hours all night long when her attending physician had ordered *one* sedative and complete rest for the balance of the night. Meanwhile in the next room lay a seriously ill heart patient who received the sedative (which might have killed her) and no further attention that night.

In Delaware, for instance, so many

mistakes in administering medication occurred that a two-year survey of conditions was announced. All hospital personnel were aware of the investigation, yet ninety slipshod errors occurred during the first year of the investigation.

In Boston, a renowned surgeon, performing a delicate and critical operation, was assisted by a graduate nurse who fumbled his orders three times, actually endangering the life of the patient. After the operation, the surgeon was asked if his nurse was having an "off day." "Off day!" he thundered. "She has never had an 'on' day. She is so careless she should not be allowed in a hospital, let alone an operating room!"

A mid-western hospital has a system of cards which they ask departing patients to fill out. These cards reveal a universal feeling of gratitude to doctors, internes and even housekeeping help and almost universal complaints about the student and graduate nurses—wretched service and care unless sizeable tips were forthcoming (\$5.00 was not considered a sizeable tip), repeated pressing of call lights without results and finally the patient left the bed to seek a nurse and found them clustered in the hall for gossip or a "coffee break" while several call lights blinked unnoticed down the corridor.

Indifference, insolence, laziness, clock-watching, tip-seeking, rudeness, crankiness, downright negligence, surliness, gossiping and romancing on the job are some of the charges levelled at nurses everywhere. Why do doctors and hospitals put up with it? "Because," they explain wryly, "if we fire the offenders, we cannot replace them. Then the remaining nurses threaten to quit because they are overworked."

Surveys of student nurses classes at an eastern hospital revealed these reasons for entering the nursing profession. "It

was not my first choice but I didn't have enough money to go to college." "I could not get the job I wanted so I took nursing—it's easy." "I wanted to get away from home." "I want to meet an eligible husband—successful doctor or rich patient—I don't care which." "I wanted to spite my parents." Isn't this a far cry from the original dedication of Florence Nightingale who only wanted to serve and to heal?

Why do they do it? Low wages—poor housing—long hours—more attractive jobs in Veterans Administration hospitals, as doctors' receptionists, and commissions in the armed services. Also a high percentage of them flunk out before completing their training period.

In many areas, doctors of dental surgery have gradually by-passed surgery in the hospital operating room and scheduled it for their office operatories. Why? Because hospital nursing help is so poor, so ill-prepared for dental surgery, and so unreliable. This is a tragic state of affairs—for some cases really need the emergency equipment, the added facilities, the safety of immediate laboratory tests, and the help of deep anaesthesia for the greatest benefit to the patient.

Why do I dwell on such facts and figures—such shameful conditions—such national and professional disgrace? This is why—we are dental nurses—we, too, have a dedicated woman to revere and follow—Juliette A. Southard—we have only recently earned the coveted status of servants of humanity — we have pledged ourselves to our fellow man—we have, with our own lips (and, I hope, our hearts) put service and loyalty and education above the consideration of money, advancement, and personal gain.

LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!! Do not misunderstand me—I don't want you to glory in the mistakes or deterioration of any other group. I do want you to determine that it shall never happen to you. Erase all the jealousies of your sister

assistants from your heart—decide to serve your doctor and his patients with every ounce of your knowledge, compassion and skill—serve humanity first, your doctor next, your association to the best of your ability, and *yourself* last! In this way you will assure yourself there will be no mud or tarnish on the proud pin that signifies you as a dental nurse and proclaims you pledged to support "Education — Efficiency — Loyalty — Service."

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

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annual meeting of the A.D.A.A. at Miami Beach, Florida, November 8-11, are practically complete. If not, send in your hotels reservation blank immediately to the A.D.A.A. Housing Bureau. All reservations must be made and cleared through this Bureau. If you make these reservations now you may be able to stay at the headquarters hotel, the Roney Plaza, or next door at the Promenade. We will be expecting you in Miami Beach—"The Winter Playground of the World" on November 8th."

NELL PROTHERO, *President of Florida Dental Assistants Association*, says —

"The beautiful moon-lit shores of Miami Beach are calling each and every one of you to be our guest for the 30th annual meeting of the A.D.A.A., November 8-11.

"Florida members have for some time been working very hard to arrange an interesting and entertaining meeting for you.

"The Open House, the Banquet, the Tea and Tour all promise fun—BUT, there will be many educational features also. So mark off your calendar, and when the day arrives, grab your grips and head for Miami Beach. We are expecting "You-All!"

THE DENTAL ASSISTANT— A Member of the Team

Since the turn of the century the health and life expectancy of the American people has greatly improved, due to the progress of scientific discovery and to the efforts of those who have dedicated their knowledge and work toward this cause. The advances in medicine are well known, while those in dentistry, being less dramatic, are not so much recognized by the public.

Not only do patients receive better dental service than was possible in former years, but because auxiliary workers have augmented the dental man-hours available to the public, more people than ever before are able to have dental service. The *dental team* has replaced the dentist working alone, subject to many interruptions and lost time. Two members of this team are the dental assistant and the dental hygienist.

Ethically, the dental team is dedicated to the cause of better dental health. While every dental office must be on a sound financial basis, financial success is not the primary objective of the dental practice. The dentist who puts his patient first, the assistant and the hygienist who put their paychecks second are, paradoxically, often the most successful in their fields.

The ethical dental assistant is not just a business woman. She must be capable, efficient and well groomed, but also, well informed with an understanding of the patients' needs, conscientious, loyal to the other members of the team, and willing to do all that is within her scope, while recognizing its limitations. The American Dental Assistants Association has promoted this kind of dental assistant, and thereby has rendered immeasurable service to dentistry and to mankind. Dental assistants should belong to their association and all dentists should encourage their assistants to participate in this organization which promotes high ideals and self-improvement.

Through the Certification Course an opportunity is provided for obtaining ad-

ditional knowledge in the field. Many assistants are availing themselves of this opportunity, thus increasing their value and adding to the pleasure derived from their work.

The dental assistant is vital to the dental practice. There will always be a future for the capable, ethical dental assistant who enjoys her work. Some dental assistants, particularly those working in offices where a dental hygienist is also employed, are stimulated through this contact into entering the field of dental hygiene. Directors of dental hygiene schools receive many letters from dental assistants inquiring about dental hygiene. A number of these correspondents subsequently apply, are accepted, and successfully complete the two-year courses. Of the forty-three dental hygiene graduates of The Dental School of the University of Oregon, sixteen were dental assistants before entering. Seven of the present freshman class of thirteen students were dental assistants. Certainly, the hygienist with a dental assisting background can contribute greatly to a dental practice through her broad understanding and special skills. The dental hygienist is educated, and licensed by the various states, to render prophylactic service under the supervision of a dentist. One of her greatest functions is dental health education. Some hygienists choose the fields of public health or teaching rather than private practice employment.

Members of the ideal dental team work together in friendly harmony, with mutual respect and loyalty, and dedication to the cause which they serve.

With sincere admiration we salute members of the American Dental Assistants Association and wish them continued success.

(Contributed by Evelyn R. Hannon, Head, Department of Dental Hygiene; Louise L. Burke, Instructor in Dental Hygiene, The Dental School of the University of Oregon, Portland, Oregon.)

TASTE THAT WORD!

Science sheds light on how it can make or break you.

By DONALD A. LAIRD

Author and Psychologist

LONG AGO and in all innocence Bernard M. Baruch made an unwise choice of a single word. Its cost to him was a possible partnership with J. P. Morgan, to the great financier millions of possible profit. Discussing a deal he had proposed to the banker, young Baruch deprecated the risk involved by saying that Morgan had taken bigger gambles. Detesting the common gambler, Morgan took icy umbrage at the unmeant implication and dismissed both caller and deal.

A fluent and literate person, as the world today well knows, Bernard Baruch might easily have said, had he first "tasted" the resented word for possible unpleasant connotations, "You have faced greater risks, Mr. Morgan."

Do you "taste" your words on your mental tongue before you speak them, and savor them to see if they'll sound sweet or bitter to the hearer?

Words too hastily chosen may build walls beyond scaling between people, make enemies of friends. Lord Chesterfield, master of the *mot juste*, wrote his son: "For 40 years I have never spoken one single word without giving at least one moment's time to consider whether it was a good one or a bad one." Chesterfield well knew the worth of testing words against one's "inner ear."

How much more what we say and how we say it can annoy others than what we do or don't do has been scientifically studied and measured. The result provides a guide by which our words may be gauged before being spoken.

Dr. Hulsey Cason, the psychologist, analyzing the sources of irritation in hundreds of individuals, learned that nothing annoys people quite as much as people, and that we are most irksome

to others through our conversational ineptitudes.

Among the findings of Dr. Cason was the basic fact that the people he studied, in naming things that annoyed them, ascribed only 16 percent of their irritations to non-human sources, such as yowling cats in the night or a hair in the butter. The average individual, it was learned, would rather walk on spilled sugar than received un-asked for advice.

The sight of furniture badly in need of dusting is less upsetting than the sound of someone trying to be funny who is not. Off-color stories account for more irritation than radio static.

Without conscious effort — few of us deliberately seek to inspire dislike in others—we seem to provide 60.5 percent of the annoyances which beset those around us. And we do this mostly by what we say.

Annoyance is measured by the degree of "avoidance reaction" it generates. How we dress is responsible for only 10 percent of such reaction in others and it is usually not particularly intense. Clashing colors in one's garb irritate less than the overuse of slang in one's conversation. Too-bright and too-conspicuous colors cause less annoyance than having to listen to someone talk about what others wear.

Dirty apparel on others, according to the findings of Dr. Cason, gives less offense than having to hear another's gossip. Rumpled and unpressed garments are sooner forgiven than being interrupted in midspeech. A man may wear a soiled shirt and cause an avoidance reaction milder than a dictatorial manner of speaking.

A woman may wear a skirt that says

and yet irk others less than if she makes constant use of some pet phrase, such as, "See what I mean?" Let her stockings be draped on her legs rather than worn smooth and taut, with seams all awry, and this will be condoned more readily than back-seat driving. And she will try the tolerance of others less by wearing a dinner dress at the office or sweater and slacks at a tea than by careless grammar.

Small wonder that vocational advisors counsel their clients to give as much attention to what they say and how they say it as to what they wear and how they wear it!

Physical blemishes that cannot be concealed are usually a sore trial to those who have them, yet they provided the lowest percentage of avoidance reaction—only 4.7 percent—in the subjects studied by Dr. Cason. And the reaction was largely tempered by sympathy, rather than intensified by repugnance.

Facial pimples, traditional bane of the adolescent, are less trying to the beholder than one who brags about his ancestors, or pays so little attention to what is said to him that he must continually ask, "What was that you said?"

A birthmark, conspicuous and ineradicable, causes less discomfort in others than such silly questions as, "Is that you?" or, "Are you downtown, too?" Crossed eyes do not upset others as much as the word "ain't."

Being coaxed persistently to do something we don't want to do displeases us more than a missing front tooth in the dental equipment of the coaxer. A loud voice annoys more than do protruding front teeth, and if they are decayed they disturb us less than having to listen to a nagger.

Overlarge legs will make us less critical of a woman than her incessant use of the word "swell"; if she tends to be bird-legged, she will cause less avoidance reaction than she can create by being excessively polite.

The knowledge that all these physical

imperfections may for the most part be difficult or impossible to correct is small comfort to those who have them. Yet many mar their lives by futile fretting about such things, while doing nothing about easily corrected habits of speech or social conduct far more detrimental to their status with those around them.

While sympathy may moderate such antipathy as some physical defect in our appearance arouses in others, we might imagine that self-caused types of physical unpleasantness which could easily be corrected would be deemed almost inexcusable. But Dr. Cason's statistics show that here, also, what we say and how we say it are more annoying than, for example, onions on a person's breath. This was much less annoying to the researcher's human guinea pigs than hearing a woman swear.

A parent may win more disapproval by correcting his children in public than by having a dirty face. A man's untidy hair is sooner forgiven than a tendency to boastfulness, and a drift of dandruff across the shoulders of his blue-serge jacket will result in less censure than telling others to shut up. Even body odor is scarcely more annoying to others than the habit of chronic complaining.

And so it goes. There may be those who don't mind public criticism, or being nagged at or told to shut up. But they are exceptions to the rule that, by and large, it is what we say and how we say it that influences others most toward finding us either acceptable or objectionable socially, in business, or in casual contacts.

Apparently the most costly of all physical handicaps is a careless or an ignorant or unbridled tongue.

Does a limited vocabulary excuse our conversational blunders. By no means. Experts in Basic English maintain that we need command only about 1,000 words to make whatever we have to say understandable.

Yet, if you are a typical American, your vocabulary totals about 12,000

words. If you have spent two years in college, your speaking vocabulary should contain another 2,000 words. A wizard with words, such as Woodrow Wilson was, may fluently use as many as 110,000 of the 600,000 words to be found in the unabridged dictionaries.

We understand far more words than we use, too. The average person can grasp the meaning of four times the number of words in his speaking vocabulary. This lop-sided ability with words makes us far better listeners than talkers, better at taking in than at giving out, which explains why we can so easily and often get in trouble if we fail to "taste" our words before we speak them.

Whether our vocabularies be great or small, only a minor proportion of the words we know are irritating in themselves, even if we speak in a friendly and pleasant manner. But the few really grating words or phrases that exist, especially if used in a hostile, critical, or domineering way, can lead to social or business suicide.

Yet even derogatory terms may be given a flattering connotation in the right circumstances. When old friends meet, one may exclaim, "Why, Frank, you old baboon!" and win a delighted grin from Frank. But unless you know Frank intimately also, don't you try call-

ing him a baboon; his reaction might be in keeping with the violent nature that makes the baboon one of the most dangerous of beasts.

The mother who calls her baby a "little monkey" is saying that it is the most adorable of infants. You, however, may apply the same term to the child only at the risk of her undying dislike.

Owen Wister in *The Virginian* captured the technique of making the normally resented term palatable in the phrase, "When you call me that, smile!" But the safest of conversational techniques is to avoid all words or terms or phrases that can only be redeemed by close friendship or a disarming smile.

It is safer to be consistently kindly in your conversation than to risk misunderstanding for the sake of being thought a wit. And the first step toward increasing your conversational skill is decreasing your vocabulary. Weed out the words and phrases, discard the speech mannerisms, the researches of Dr. Cason indicate are likely to stir avoidance reactions in a great many people.

Use fewer words, with better judgment of their possible effect on others. Play safe with phrases that build bridges rather than walls between people.

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When and Where

Thirtieth Annual Session — November 8-11, 1954, Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. President, Lillian Hoffman, 753 N. Main Street, Akron, Ohio. General Secretary, Nita Browning, 1001 Tribune Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. Executive Secretary, Mary L. Martin, 410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Ind.

STATE MEETINGS

Georgia Dental Assistants Association—October 11-13, 1954, Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. President, Harriet Stone, V. A. Dental Clinic, Blun Bldg., Savannah, Ga. Secretary, Claire Williamson, 211 Medical Arts Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Ohio Dental Assistants Association—October 17-21, 1954, Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. President, Anne Wetzel, 510 Fidelity Bldg., Dayton, Ohio. Secretary, Eleanor Sterling, 520 Fidelity Bldg., Dayton, Ohio.

Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association—October 4-7, 1954, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. President, Marion Israelson, 228 Union Station Bldg., Erie, Pa. Secretary, Sally Cochran, 800 Commerce Bldg., Erie Pa.

West Virginia Dental Assistants Association—July 25-28, 1954, Greenbriar Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. President, Olive Steinbeck, 804 Kanakha Bank & Trust Bldg., Charleston, W. Va. Secretary, Rita Spaniol, 304 Atlas Bldg., Charleston, W. Va.

LITTLE HELPS — *Big Thanks*

By EDNA PEREZ

It is well worth our while to think for a few minutes about some of the small things that we do, or could do, that will bring a very rewarding "Thank you" to each of us.

To begin with a very familiar plea—"My strap just broke! Will you give me a pin?" Your name will be mud unless you say "Yes, I do have a safety pin. May I help you?"

It is very flattering to your patient when you show him a newspaper clipping that you have saved with his records. That Carnival Ball or hayride that he participated in—wasn't nearly as much fun to him until you made him feel extra good by showing a special interest in him, and honestly it was no trouble to clip that little piece out of the newspaper.

When your women patients are worked on—does the job usually end up with your Doctor and your patient painted like Indians? It is very simple to seat Miss Patient and hand her a tissue. You might say "Miss Patient, wouldn't you like to remove your lipstick before we have it smeared for you?" Invariably your patient will exclaim "Why, of course, then Doctor won't be smeared either."

When we say twenty-minutes — it seems like such a short time. But then, when we sit for the same twenty minutes doing nothing but waiting for a restoration to set—it seems like an hour! Now try reading some article for twenty minutes and see how fast the time passes. This may apply to your patient also. After his filling has been inserted, hand him a small book and say "Now, Mr. Patient, we must wait a few minutes for your filling to set. Wouldn't you like to see this new book?" Almost immediately he will wag his head and utter Uh-huh

while trying to keep his mouth open. That setting time won't seem long at all!

Do you have the late editions of several current magazines in the reception room? No one will mind waiting if he has an up-to-date article to read. In fact, some patients read the stories that are continued and look forward to their next visit so that they may continue the next part of their story. They will be awfully disappointed if you do not have the following issue when they return.

A woman can be terribly distressed to find that she has forgotten her cosmetic bag, especially when she sees the needed repairs to be done. For a very small price you can buy three or four small tubes of lipstick in different shades. When she wails about her carelessness—you will be an angel to offer her a tube which might be close to her own shade. She will bless you!

While you are shopping out of petty-cash, why not buy a pack of bobby pins and a few pocket combs to keep with the lip-sticks? They will all come in handy, and you will feel mighty proud when you can give assistance along this line to someone who is really caught on the spot with her face down! These few articles are very inexpensive but are little things that will make Mrs. Patient feel she has been given real service.

A phone call the day before the appointment as a reminder will certainly please them. They feel then that you are thinking about them. Also, your Doctor will be pleased to have his time occupied instead of wasted while waiting for Mr. Patient who has completely forgotten his appointment. That telephone call does help!

Do you allow your patient to leave the office with pumice, tooth dust, or lint from the towel, on her dress or suit? She

will be very pleased if you think enough about her clothes and appearance to have a small clothes brush handy and brush her clothing gently before she leaves your office.

When your children patients are real good, do you reward them? Do you make them feel like they have profited by being attentive and cooperative? Of course, we can hardly give them a sucker or candy bar because we know sweets cause tooth decay. Giving a child candy would only defeat the purpose of eliminating carbohydrates and decreasing the amount of decay. We have been very successful in rewarding the children by giving them balloons. There are several colors and a number of different characters that can be purchased. The children really enjoy choosing their favorite "Pluto" on a bright green balloon. Then comes the big thrill when they are allowed to blow up their balloon by using the compressed air on the unit. It is so much more fun to blow up a balloon by pressing the air-syringe than it is by huffing and puffing. (Believe me, fathers prefer this method by far!) Also, for a

change for those unfortunate children who must make a number of visits, plaster kiddie molds are the answer to a dental assistant's prayer. The rubber molds can be purchased at your supply house in several different sets. One mix of plaster will make enough molds to present to several kiddies. If you have the time, the figures, flowers, and animals go over much better if they are painted. Don't worry, though, if you can't paint them—the children love the job and will even bring them back to show you how talented they are. They even look forward to collecting a complete set before their dental work is completed. They will be extra good patients if they know you will have a reward for them when they are ready to leave.

These are all small and minor things that can be done in your office. You probably can add to my suggestions if you think about it for a while. But remember, it isn't always the big things that are appreciated, but quite the contrary,—it is the *little helps* that bring back to you—"Big Thanks".

TEN ESSENTIALS FOR SUCCESS

Contributed by PAT ANSTETT

Lafayette, Indiana

1. *Be a good dental assistant.* A good dental assistant must like to work with both children and adults, and try to make their visit to the office as pleasant as possible. Whether they return and send their family and friends in depends upon the success of their visit.

2. *Have a charming personality.* One of the first impressions the patient gets of the office is from the assistant. It is very important that she be neat and courteous. A careless reception by the assistant can easily make the patient feel unwelcome. She should be just as considerate to them if returning at a later date.

3. *Be an attractive working team.* In the operating room the doctor and assist-

ant are a team. Service is best rendered if the assistant is familiar with the procedures the doctor follows and has the materials and instruments ready when needed—if possible have this equipment set up before she is seated. The patient is quick to realize if the assistant is well trained and is anticipating her needs. This gives the patient confidence in the office.

4. *Have an attractive reception room.* Keep the waiting room neat and as appealing to the eye as possible, for it is here that the patient receives the first impression of the dental office. It should be equipped with current reading material of various types. If many of the patients are children, it is nice to have a

portion of the room especially for them, so that they may be kept occupied while waiting.

5. *Be a pleasant receptionist.* When a patient, whether old or new, calls on the phone always be courteous and understanding because they always call when in need of attention. A pleasant telephone voice is easily cultivated and is a very valuable asset when making new contacts. It suggests the kind of personnel she will be dealing with. If the doctor is behind in his schedule, tell the patient upon arrival—perhaps there is an errand she might like to do rather than wait impatiently in the reception room. Such treatment will make each patient feel that they are the most important person you have seen all day.

6. *Be attentive to the patient's comfort, especially when seating her in the chair.* Be sure she realizes all instruments and drinking cups are sterile. Warm water for a mouth rinse is often welcome during cavity preparation. Direct your conversation to the patient during rest periods. Converse with her if the doctor should happen to be called from the room.

7. *Have a good office personality.* Take as many pains dismissing a patient as receiving her. Be sure additional appointments are made if required, and keep a record of work to be done at the next appointment. Above all, try not to appear rushed or hurried.

8. *Keep accurate personal records.* In addition to this, jot down personal data on the record about their employment, children, or school they attend. Having this information makes them feel you are interested in them and their families. It is well to note whether or not they preferred novocaine during an operative procedure, if any unusual circumstances arose, or if they are subject to allergies, etc.

9. *Obtain efficient working conditions.* The ease with which the doctor gets through the day depends upon how carefully his schedule is planned. Instruments should be promptly sterilized and

returned to the cabinet, X-rays mounted before the patient arrives, information given to the doctor concerning the next patient and her needs, and most essential of all be familiar with his operative routine so as to keep things moving along smoothly.

10. *We are the doctors' diplomats—* so always be tactful, his income is in our hands. The number he sees, his collections, the kind of a schedule he has each day depends largely upon us. The better assistants we are, the better dentist he will be. Our responsibility is a big one—are we doing our best?

FROM THE ADAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee wishes to remind all Local and State Societies and the Board of Trustees that all candidate forms must be in on or before July 1 to be considered.

The names of candidates and their qualifications will be published in the pre-convention issue of the journal in order that all delegates will be familiar with them.

Offices to be filled are: President-Elect, First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer and five active members to the Certification Board.

Return your signed forms to Sarah R. Cochran, 800 Commerce Building, Erie, Penna., or Mary L. Martin, A.D.A.A. Executive Secretary, 410 First National Bank Building, La Porte, Ind.

Leona Huntley
Marie Johnson
Helen Searles
Gladys Triphahn
Sarah R. Cochran, Chairman

JOHN BARRYMORE SAID

"After stumbling around looking for contentment for years, I suddenly learned that you cannot find it by hunting furiously for it. Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you had left open."

A.D.A.A. NEWS ITEMS

410 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
LA PORTE, INDIANA

SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS — Have you mailed all membership dues?

Most of the 1954 membership dues have been paid and the names are on record in local societies, state associations and in the A.D.A.A. Central Office. However, there are always some that come in late, and a few of the local and state secretaries are inclined to delay getting them finally processed. In past years there have been a few that were entirely overlooked, causing much embarrassment and heartbreak. Let's not let that happen anywhere this year. *Please* — each one of you — complete your task for 1954. No 1954 memberships will be accepted after October 31st.

A.D.A.A. DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

A new Directory of State and Local Officers will be mimeographed during July, and distributed to all State Associations and Local Societies. These are very interesting brochures. May we suggest to the Presidents that they be taken to a meeting and passed around so that all members can obtain a better idea of the size and scope of the national association of which they are a part.

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT MARIE JOHNSON

"My heartfelt thanks to the members of the A.D.A.A. who thoughtfully remembered me in any way during my stay at the hospital recently. Your messages provided moral support through many of the darker days. I deeply appreciate each and every message."

We are happy to report that Marie has made rapid progress toward recovery from a very delicate hip operation some weeks ago. From recent reports, this corrective operation gives promise of being highly successful.

BE ALERTED FOR JULY CHARM —

We are speaking of the July issue of CHARM magazine. Take a tip from us and hurry to your nearest newsstand, pick up a copy of this magazine and look for "Half A Million Women and Their Business Clubs." There is a message of interest to you on that page. Why not send your comments about this to the Editor of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT.

NEW PRICES FOR PICTURES

There has been an increase in prices of engravings for THE DENTAL ASSISTANT. We announce the following prices for pictures effective immediately.

Full page, 7¼ x 4¼.....	\$11.17
Half page, 3⅞ x 2⅛.....	8.00
Quarter page, 3⅞ x 2¼.....	6.58

CONVENTION

With the 1954 convention only four months away, it's time your plans to attend are well underway. Have you made your hotel reservations? Delay in so doing can result in your being unable to stay at the hotel of your choice. Reports from the Program Chairman and the Florida group promise a splendid educational and entertaining program. Don't miss this one!

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AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

Education Committee

Announcing

INSTRUCTION TESTS FOR REVIEW SESSIONS

The American Dental Assistants Association's Committee on Education has prepared a series of INSTRUCTION TESTS to be used by instructors for review purposes at the conclusion of the first fourteen units of the 1953 Revised Edition of the Extension Study Course and at the conclusion of the entire course.

These INSTRUCTION TESTS cover the material which has been presented in the Extension Study Course. They consist of four types of questions or statements, namely: Recall, Multiple Choice, Matching, and True or False. Instructions for answering these precede each group of questions or statements.

The INSTRUCTION TESTS will be included in the Study Course Outlined beginning with orders received in the Central Office on or after June 1st, 1954. The addition of this material will necessitate an increase in the cost of the "Outline" from \$1.00 to \$1.50. All orders submitted after the above date will cost \$1.50 per copy.

Copies of these INSTRUCTION TESTS may be procured by those who are using the 1953 Revised Edition of the Extension Study Course Outline for fifty cents (50c) per copy by writing to: Mrs. Mary L. Martin, Executive Secretary, American Dental Assistants Association, 410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Indiana.

The State and Local Education Committee Chairmen will be provided with one copy of the answers to the questions or statements for the use of the instructors when correcting the "tests." The committee suggests that the instructors have the students complete the tests before giving them the correct answers.

It must be borne in mind that these INSTRUCTION TESTS are in no way associated with the Examination for Certification which is conducted by the American Dental Assistants Certification Board. These "tests" are merely part of the training for Certification.

SADIE L. HADLEY, *Chairman,*
ADAA Committee on Education,
163 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS ON STUDY COURSES

In January of 1954 more than 350 questionnaires were sent out by the Central Office for the ADAA Education Committee. The purpose of these questionnaires was to obtain information that will help the committee to determine what factors are preventing some local or state associations from sponsoring the Extension Study Course, also to find out if other courses are being given, and to get other facts relative to the conduct of study courses. The survey disclosed that a more definite plan for the review sessions of the Extension Study Course needs to be worked out. About 65 usable returns of the questionnaire were received before the cut-off date, which represents less than 20 per cent of the associations within the ADAA.

Table 1

State & City	Courses Given	Number of Instructors	Number Enrolled	Tuition Charged	Courses other than Extension Study Courses
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	2	12 to 20	21 to 25	10 & 15	
Arkansas	3	17	21	15	
N. Calif.	1	18	27	10	
S. Calif.					
Glendale	2	15 to 10	50 to 35	18.34	
Santa Monica	2	15	38	15	
Connecticut	1	20	18	22	
Florida					
Miami	4	32	29	10	
Orlando	2	13	28	0	
Ft. Lauderdale	2	30	10	10	
St. Petersburg	3	15	20	10	Care of Equipment
Palm Beach	1	6	14	10	Red Cross First Aid
Jacksonville	5	26	12	10	
Tampa	2	17	26	10	
Georgia					
Savannah	2	9	8	0	
Indiana	1	20	15	15	
South Bend	1	14	17	20	
Iowa	1	10	12	0	
Kansas					
Newton	2		14	0	
Topeka	1	14	11	0	
Louisiana					
Shreveport	2	16	20 to 11	10	
New Orleans	2	12	29	30	
Massachusetts	6	25	48	20	
Michigan					
Jackson	1	8	6	10	
Minnesota	20	25	25	45	
Missouri	5	4	40	30	X-Ray Technic
Nebraska					
Omaha	7	18	8 to 18	10	
Lincoln	2	15	25 & 50	15	
New Hampshire	3	3	17	52	
New Jersey					
Essex Co.	3	18	15	25 & 0	
Southern	0				
Asbury	0				
New Mexico					
Santa Fe	1	12	9	15	
Albuquerque	1		35	15	
New York	3	20	24 to 12	25	
North Carolina	1	25	42	15	
Ohio					
Toledo	3	10	17	15	
Stark Co.	3	24	15 to 12	5	
Kelly	1	15	14	20	
Oklahoma					
Tulsa	6	10	19	15	
Pennsylvania					
Harrisburg	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	4	8	22	25	
South Dakota	2	15	11	10	
Tennessee	1	17	18	25	
Texas					
Ft. Worth	3	10	9	20	
So. Plains	3	10	9	0	
Houston	1	20	43	20	
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia					
Piedmont	1	7	6	20	
Tidewater	2	10	33 & 16	66	
Washington					
Port Angeles	1	9	9	15	
Spokane	2	15	22	15	
Seattle	3		37	55	
West Virginia					
Huntington	1	10	13	10	5 other related courses
Wisconsin	5	22	30	30	
S. Wisc.	1	14	24	15	
Marquette U.	1			100	

Only three societies gave reasons for not putting on the Extension Study Course, these were lack of cooperation, insufficient interest on the part of members, and one reported that a nearby university includes the course in its extension division.

Table 2

Review Given At End Course	Review Prior To Exam	Review of Each Unit	Written Tests Given	Oral & Written Tests	Average Hours to Review
10	7	2	9	6	4

One society is using a questionnaire to determine what subjects the members are interested in receiving further instruction on as a means of planning for what they term "post-graduate courses" for members who have been certified. A copy of this questionnaire will be published in the near future.

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EDITORIAL

To live happily one must have a balanced personality. She must have within herself a deep well of kindness which evidences itself in her contacts with people. It is easy to be happy and gay, to achieve the light touch in social life, but it is another matter to face the exacting and sometimes trying problems of office routine. The possessor of a balanced personality does this. Through study and thoughtfulness she deepens her understanding of those she meets. She accepts the responsibilities which are hers, not as a troublesome burden, but as a challenge. In other words, she is mature as a consequence of her own adjustment to life. She cheers on all with whom she comes in contact. Her regard for her friends draws them to her. She never lacks love and companionship. What an asset to a dentist is an assistant who possesses these qualities. She makes the patients feel at home and relaxed while keeping their appointments and having their dental work completed. Certainly, courtesy and kindness to the patient, with loyalty and efficiency to the dentist, make for happy living, and cheers all who come in contact with her.

MADGE M. TINGLEY
Contributing Editor

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

The American Dental Assistants Certification Board will hold an examination in Miami, Saturday November 6, 9:00 o'clock A. M. An address of the examination place will be published in a later issue of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT, or each applicant will be notified individually.

ANNA CAREY, *Secretary*
A. D. A. C. B.

The Pittsburgh Dental Assistants Society will conduct an examination for Certification Sunday, October 3, 1:00 o'clock P. M. The address of examination place will be announced later.

Any member of the Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association who is eligible for this examination, and wishes to take it at this time, should contact Certification Chairman, Virginia Hoffman, 3225 Viola Street, Pittsburgh 14, Pa.

From the Editor's Clipping Service.

SOME OF THE OLD THINGS Herbert Hoover

The practical thing we can do if we really want to make the world over again is to try out the word "Old" for a while. There are some "Old" things that made this country. There is the Old Virtue of religious faith. There are the Old Virtues of integrity and the whole truth. There is the Old Virtue of incorruptible service and honor in public office. There are the Old Virtues of economy in government, of self-reliance, thrift, and individual liberty. There are the Old Virtues of patriotism, real love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it.

These Old ideas are very inexpensive. They even would help to win hot and cold wars. I realize that such suggestions will raise the cuss word "Reactionary." But some of these Old things are slipping badly in American life. And if they slip too far, the lights will go out of America, even if we win these cold and hot wars.

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—Rowena Bennett.

HOW TO ENJOY THE HAPPIEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE

We can do anything for one day. So, just for today, let us be unafraid of life and unafraid of death, which is the shadow of life; unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best.

Just for today let us live one day only, forgetting yesterday and tomorrow and not trying to solve the whole problem of life at once. Lincoln said that a man is just as happy as he makes up his mind to be. Suppose we make up our minds to be happy just for today, to adjust ourselves to what is—our family, our business, our luck; to try to make the world over to suit us is a large order. If we cannot have what we like, maybe we can like what we have.

So, just for today, let us be agreeable, responsive, cheerful, charitable; be our best, dress our best, walk softly, praise people for what they do, not criticize them for what they

cannot do. And, if we find fault, let us forgive it and forget it.—Joseph Fort Newton in the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*.

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Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



"Heavenly Father, give us a serenity
to accept what cannot
be changed, courage to change what
should be changed,
and wisdom to know one from the other."

ANONYMOUS

Attributed to an unknown soldier.

These words are written before Memorial Day, will be read by you after Independence Day. Our admonition to you is not only to pay prayerful respect to gallant men who died for our safety and freedom, but to re-dedicate yourselves to like courage and devotion to service to the living. Death by violence is inevitable in time of war—life by service and education is YOUR charge in war and peace. Don't be an AWOL!

FIRST DISTRICT

News from Rhode Island

Jeanne Fiore is the enthusiastic Reporter for the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association. The May meeting of this group was held in the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel when guest speakers Drs. Lloyd England and Edward Brown presented an informative demonstration of "General Anesthesia in the Dental Office." The spirit of spring was evident in the enthusiastic reports of the committee in charge of the Annual Spring Dance to be held at the Pawtucket Golf Club in June, and in the reports of the attendance of President Julia Grady and First District Trustee Helen Searles at the Massachusetts Annual Meeting in the Statler Hotel in Boston. The Fifth Certification Class of this group will suspend studies during July and August, resuming again in September so that dental assistants eligible will be prepared to take their Examination in January.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

Florrie Schneider, Publicity Chairman for the Dental Assistants Study Club, Second District, reports that May 21 was the exciting date for the Certification Examination of its students. Beatrice Gindea, 1283 E. 21st St., Brooklyn 10, N. Y., is in charge of these classes and welcomes all inquiries and applications from dental assistants desiring this advance education. Members of this Planning Committee met late in May at the Brass Rail

Restaurant, Brooklyn, N. Y., when plans and curricula for the next Extension Study Course were discussed and completed. This Course will start in October, 1954. Florrie closes with kind wishes for a happy and profitable summer for all dental assistants.

Lee M. Taras, Reporter for the New York State Dental Assistants Association, reports that summer activities will include much work to strengthen and enlarge the scope of this group, such as completion of plans for further Certification Courses in component societies, plans for enrichment of the "Delegates Fund," and curricula for regular and special meetings. Please correct your files on the address of the Secretary Mary E. R. Keegan to 33-41 29th St., Astoria 6, N. Y.

Sylvia Weill, Publicity Chairman for the Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc., reports that not only is its plans for the Fifth Extension Study Course under way for the series of classes beginning in September, 1954, but plans for extending the educational program for members already certified will take the form of independent classes, beginning in October, 1954, covering the work of the dental assistant at the chair, in the laboratory, in the x-ray room and as secretary. The May meeting of this group took the form of a symposium on the subject, "The Doctor, the Patient and You." May also was the time for the Certification Examination of eight members of this group.

News from New Jersey

Virginia Reiser, Publicity Chairman for the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association reports enthusiastically about the 22nd Annual Meeting of the group in the Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J., in May. Clinics were a source of great interest and were presented by Katherine Effinger on "The Dental Assistant in Civil Service" and Margery Cameron on "The Dental Assistant in Office Management." Margery was awarded the Clinic Cup. Margery also submitted a poster entitled "Proud Possessions" along with Peggy Dougherty whose poster was entitled "An Inside Story." Peggy received the blue ribbon award and will enter her poster at the National Meeting in Miami. The Monmouth County Dental Assistants Society won two awards, that for the largest percentage increase in membership during the year and that for the

largest attendance at the Annual Meeting. The always beautiful ceremony for the newly elected officers was conducted by Ruth Doring, President-Elect of the ADAA, as installing Officer and Alice Eder, retiring President of New Jersey D.A.A., as Conducting Officer. This successful meeting came to an end with a luncheon honoring Alice Eder and presenting guest speaker Dr. Paul M. Weber who gave an inspiring talk on "The Dynamics of Dental Assistants."

The Monmouth County Dental Assistants Society celebrated the tenth anniversary of its society in an appropriate ceremony in April.

Southern Dental Assistants Society held its Annual Dinner and installation of its new officers at the Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J. Alice Eder, State President, served as Installing Officer and Helen Fitting, Honorary Member and Past President of ADAA, served as Conducting Officer in the lovely candlelight service. Other honored guests included Drs. John Carr, Earl Ludlum and Eugene Roberts, and Ruth Doring, President-Elect of ADAA, Florence Smith, Second District Trustee, Irma K. Adams, State Vice President, and Rhetta Matucci, Honorary Member.

Essex County Dental Assistants Society held its Annual Dinner and installation of officers in May at the Savoy Plaza, Orange, N. J. Irma K. Adams served as Installing Officer and Ruth Doring served as Conducting Officer. This society has completed a year of splendid lectures and educational features.

Bergen County Dental Assistants Society held its May meeting at the Red Lion Restaurant in Hackensack when guest speaker Dr. Robert Fear, President of Bergen County Dental Society, spoke on "Dental Health" and showed a film entitled "It's Your Health." June brought the annual picnic when Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Vann showed color slides of their recent European tour.

The members of the Hudson County Dental Assistants Society attended the annual dinner and installation of officers at Bruno's Restaurant, Jersey City, in June.

The Passaic County Dental Assistants Society closed its season with the Annual Dinner Dance at the Wayne County Country Club when bosses, husbands and beaux were the honored guests.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society's Fourth Study Course was busy in May with lectures on "Sterilization" by Dr. Hargraves, "Head and Neck Anatomy" by Dr. Pressler and "Anatomical Description of the Teeth" by Dr. Lotz. Election of officers was held early in May, with the lovely candlelight installation service held later in the month. Virginia Kamerer served as Installing Officer with Beverly Gallon as Conducting Officer. Rose Perez presided at the Table of

Friendship. The June Meeting was held at the St. Francis Hotel, Canton, in the form of "Clinic Night" with Jerry Bender presenting "Preparation of Patient for Orthodontia," Goldie Anstine presenting "Of Interest to Small Fry," and Marilyn Weaver presenting "Study Models."

The May meeting of the Dayton Dental Assistants Society was held at Larry's Steak House and was the occasion of the election of new officers, a ceremony of welcome to all new members, and the beautiful installation ceremony was held. The glad announcement of the presentation of a Life Membership to Leila Newcomer was made and retiring President Eleanor Sterling selection Elma Troutman, Third District Trustee, as "Dayton's Dental Assistant of the Year." The June meeting of this group was held at Hi-View Terrace, Bellbrook, and the scene of the presentation to Leila Newcomer a Life Membership in the Dayton Society and a 25-year pin. Congratulations, Leila!

The Akron Dental Assistants Society announces its Refresher Course a complete success and it was finished in May. At a ceremony conducted by Helen Thomas in the Mayflower Hotel, Laura Armanini, Anna Mae Weber and Patty Smith received their caps and Certificates.

The Erie County Dental Assistants Society wound up its season with a dinner meeting at East Erie Turners when Dr. Kenneth Davis was the interesting guest speaker.

Northeastern Dental Assistants Society held a splendid meeting in April when they visited the Painesville Dental Lab. where, under the guidance of Mr. Ralph Hepburn, they took part in a practical demonstration on "Mixing and Pouring Stone Models." In June, this group held its election and installation of officers.

The Ohio State Dental Assistants Association's Mid-Year Meeting was held in May at Fremont, Ohio, with the Fremont girls as hostesses. Besides the warm hospitality received and personal friendships renewed, definite plans were made for the State Meeting to be held at the Hotel Sheraton Gibson, Cincinnati, in October.

News from District of Columbia

The District of Columbia Dental Assistant Society held a splendid "Clinic Night" when Mary Lou O'Neill and Hazel Downs with "Better Oral Health Through X-rays," Lydia Sprayregen with "The Telephone and Its Potentials," Barbara Payne with "Photography in the Dental Office" and JoAnne Avery with "Methods of Sterilization." This meeting closed with the Annual Tea Dance with members of the Dental Society as honored guests. The following meeting of this group brought the nomination and election of officers. In May, these girls viewed an excellent film on "Cancer." Eight of these girls have

completed the Certification Course and sat for their examination late in May. Thank you, Marcia Hankin, Third District Reporter, for this news.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Alabama

It was good to hear from Grace Browning, Vice President of the Alabama State Dental Assistants Association, when she reported on the 35th Annual Meeting held at The White House Hotel at Biloxi. This meeting got underway with a Certification Examination in the morning and Open House in the afternoon with the Dothan Dental Assistants Society as hostesses. The highlights of the educational program offered at this meeting included "The Dental Assistant's Role in Specialized Practice" by Dr. James M. Weldon of Dothan, "The Dental Assistant Plans Her Financial Future" by Dr. Joseph M. Hawley of Columbus, "What Do We Know About Dentifrices?" by Dr. Polly Ayers of Birmingham and "Hints on the Care of Dental Equipment" by the Hill Dental Company. Four papers and six clinics were presented in competition. The papers included "Commandments for the Dental Assistant" by Syble Taylor of Dothan, "My First Day in the Dental Office" by Ethelene Robinson of Cullman, "Increasing the Efficiency of the Dental Office" by Joyce Thomas, Hartselle, and "What Dentistry Means to Me" by Eleanor Fulmer of Fayette. The ever-popular clinics presented Lorraine Glauser of Dothan, with "Ouch!" Opal Eaton of Birmingham with "Industrial Dentistry," Mary Alback of Prichard with "Mixing Cements and Sub-Bases," Norma Jean Hyland of Mobile with "The Telephone in the Dental Office," Esther Hawk of Cullman with "Pyorrhea Surgery," and Harriet Johnson of Birmingham with "The Efficient Dental Assistant." Social affairs at this meeting included the gala Jamboree honoring President Ernestine Lurie.

News from Louisiana

The Alexandria Dental Assistants Society held its annual meeting and Installation of Officers in May at a dinner meeting at Herbie K's. At the lovely candlelight ceremony, Viola Stone served as Installing Officer, Wylma Jensen served as Conducting Officer and Aline Till presided at the Table of Friendship. The June meeting was an outing held at the camp of Dr. Bob DeNux near Marks-ville at which time the Doctors were honored guests. This is the news report of Bertie LaBorde, Publicity Chairman and Recording Secretary.

News from Florida

The Miami District Dental Assistants Society held its May meeting at the Robert Clay Hotel with a dinner meeting followed by reports of the State Meeting held at Miami. These girls are justifiably proud of the election of their Nell Prothero as State President

as well as recipient of the Cooperation Trophy, of Virginia Gooch who won the Clinic Trophy and Gloria Diaz who won second place in Clinics competition. The June meeting was a social outing at Tahiti Beach with husbands and beaux as honored guests. Thanks for this news goes to Alma Smith of the "Explorer" and Yvonne Walker with her "Miami Mutterings."

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from Kentucky

The third annual meeting of the Kentucky Dental Assistants Association was a successful experience with many awards indicating the hard work and the increasing education and devotion of dental assistants in this area. The Membership Trophy went to the Louisville District Dental Assistants Society, the second award in membership went to Ashland Dental Assistants Society, and a new trophy, the J. L. Selden Clinic Trophy, was presented to the State Association by Drs. Jos. L. and Wm. M. Selden. At this meeting, dental assistants participated in the table clinics for the first time and the Clinic Trophy was won for the Louisville District Society by Ellen Campbell with her clinic "Do's and Don'ts of Dental Assisting." The Poster Trophy was won for the West Central Society by Ruth Oglesby, president.

The Louisville District Dental Assistants Society closed its season with its meeting in May at which time the installation of officers was held. Helen Conkling is the able Reporter for this portion of the news.

News from Tennessee

Thalia Keck, Reporter, tells of the Annual "Clinics' Night" held by the Memphis Dental Assistants Society recently. First place was won by Bunny McVeigh, second place by Thalia Keck and third place by Margaret Pace. Other dental assistants participating in the clinics were Edith Thornton, Dorothy Smith, Vera Boyer and Ramie Collins. The following meeting had as guest speakers Dr. Chester Lloyd and Dr. Faustin Weber of the University of Tennessee. These girls worked hard on their clinics and deserve commendation. The Ways and Means Committee's project was an auction held at the University Center with Dr. Buford Wallace serving as auctioneer. The proceeds realized went to help furnish a ward in the new Convalescent Heart Hospital. This ward will be dedicated to the memories of Clara Taylor and Ola Lundy Beatus, deceased members of the Memphis society.

The Knoxville Dental Assistants Society has started its third Certification Class and held its April meeting at the S & W Cafeteria where guest speakers Agnes Beeler and Wanda Tindell presented their paper on "Being a Better Dental Assistant." This will be presented at the State Meeting in Chattanooga. The May meeting was a hamburger fry at which

time the members entertained their families and guests.

News from West Virginia

At a recent dinner meeting of the New River Dental Assistants Society at the Mountaineer Hotel in Mt. Hope, guest lecturers Dr. Robert Davis, President-Elect, and Dr. Bernard Poindexter, President of the West Virginia Dental Society, presented some stimulating and interesting thoughts. Ruth Frazier, Reporter, sent us this news.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

Better Dental Assistant. This will be presented

From Janet Lindenberg, State Publicity Chairman, comes a fine report of the 2-Day Convention of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association held in Springfield, Ill., in May. The meeting was opened by President Marjorie Fowler, the Invocation by Rev. Lewis Niemoeeler of Springfield and Mr. Irwin Hodge of the Abbott Labs. presented a fine lecture on "Modern Trends in Medication." Mr. Kermit Erickson, President of the Ill. Lab. Assoc., gave an inspiring talk on "The Ethical Dental Laboratory" and showed how an ethical laboratory and an efficient dental assistant can conserve valuable time and energy of the doctor. The following morning, Dr. Robert R. Curran of Springfield, Ill., gave a talk of unusual interest to all who heard him. His topic "A Further Goal for Certification" was a plea for all dental assistants to regard Certification as a "must" in her education. Dr. Curran has made a survey of the Certification Manual and we are grateful for his, and many other doctors', interest and efforts in our behalf. Dr. Curran further presented a patient of his who is a hemophiliac. The presentation of this young man's case was extremely interesting and educational. The table clinics at this meeting presented Margaret Crosby of Springfield on "Hobbies," in which she displayed her ceramic work, Penny Koch of Chicago with her "Office Management," and Ansel Tyler of Chicago on "Dental Health Education." Another splendid guest speaker was Dr. Wray Monroe of Decatur, Past President of Decatur Dental Society, whose topic was "Sugar in Relation to Dental Caries." Dr. Monroe stressed the dental assistant's part in patient education and displayed sugar charts compiled by Michael Walsh, M. Sc., eminent nutritionist of Beverly Hills, Calif.

The Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society held its June meeting with Sarah Miner, head of home economics, Western Illinois State College, as guest speaker on "Nutrition." Another guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. A. W. Koratsky of the Research Hospital, Galesburg, Ill., who gave an informative talk about the hospital and its work. Juanita Little sent in this report.

Sheila Gilmore reports the Northwest Dis-

trict Dental Assistants Society held an open meeting for dentists, assistants and the public in the Junior High School, Freeport, Ill., with Dr. Kesel as guest speaker.

The West Suburban Dental Assistants Society, Chicago, held an interesting meeting in June, beginning with dinner at the Carlton Hotel and presenting Dr. Harold H. Nelson, psychiatrist, with his lecture on "How to Handle the Public."

Helen Vollmer writes that the Chicago Dental Assistants Society proudly held in second capping ceremony in June at the Sherman Hotel when the following girls received their caps and certificates: Phyllis Beck, Selma Biehler, Mary Lou Borre, Juanita Giorfelty, Lorraine Lajman, Rita Kuratko, Frieda Morrone, Mary Pederson, Doris Armstrong and Mary O'Donnell.

At a recent Branch Clinic Night sponsored by the West Suburban girls, twenty or more doctors presented excellent clinics. Four girls from the Chicago Society were invited to present clinics with them, namely Jeanne Ostermeier, Doris Armstrong, Lillian Sowa and Ann Gattons. Also, at the recent 71st Annual Homecoming of the Loyola University School of Dentistry, the Chicago Society was honored to receive an invitation for two clinicians to appear on the program. Jeanne Ostermeier presented "Cleaning and Oiling of Handpieces" and Dorothy Sutton presented "Achieving Accuracy in Wax Patterns."

The North-Northwest-North Suburban Branch of Chicago held an interesting meeting in June at Villa Sweden in the form of a "Mad Hatter's Party" at which time each girl had to wear a hat fashioned entirely out of dental materials. The guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. LaHirt of the Dental Supply Co. who spoke on "How to Keep Contr Angles and Handpieces in Running Order." The initial meeting of the Study Club of this group was held in the offices of Drs. Benson, Elliott and Shoemaker in Edgemont. Mae Berkley, dental assistant to the doctors, spoke on "Office Procedure." The next lectures to be heard will be "Recall System."

The Peoria Dental Assistants Society located in the "All American City" unsuccessfully presented a special one-day four-hour course on "Practice Administration and Patient Relations" by Archanna Morrison. Dentists, assistants and hygienists were present from Peoria, Bloomington, Springfield, Bushnell, Macomb and Henry, Ill., and Janet Lindenberg program chairman, reports that the project was a success, both educationally and financially.

The regular June meeting of this group presented guest speaker Dr. Bruce J. Morrow, councilor for the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association, gave his stimulating lecture on "Effective Personal Living for

Dental Assistants." He also worked from charts designed for personal appraisal and self analysis. Two members from this group presented clinics at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Dental Society in Springfield in May. They were Marjorie Fowler on "Oral Hygiene at Home" and Janet Lindenberg on "The Dental Assistant's Role in Instructing Denture Patients."

Patsy Morgan reports the June meeting of the Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society presented a film and lecture on "Pitfalls of Radiodontics" by Mr. Dick Hawkins and Mr. Robert Ellingsworth of the White Rafert Co.

The Rockford Dental Assistants Society held a dinner meeting at Trudy's Party Lodge at which time five of their members were capped and received their certificates. These girls were Polly Laude, Juanita Glotfelty, Phyllis Speiss, Janice Swenson and Ada Slye. State President Marjorie Fowler and Janet Lindenberg capped the girls. With Ruth Huggins, Advisor, serving as Installing Officer the lovely candlelight service graced the installation of new officers. Dr. Bruse J. Morrow, State Councilor, was the guest speaker.

President Maurine Wheeler writes that McLean County Dental Assistants Society celebrated its first anniversary in June. Happy birthday, girls! The celebration was a dinner meeting in the Green Room of the Tilden Hotel, with Dr. Bruce J. Morrow (what a busy man!) as guest speaker and members of the McLean County Dental Society and prospective dental assistants as honored guests. Dr. Morrow's topic was "What the ADAA Should Mean to a Dental Assistant." Installation of new officers followed with President Marjorie Fowler and Past Presidents Janet Lindenberg and Alma Kreider in charge of the service.

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society was hostess to the Decatur girls at its June meeting held in the St. Nicholas Hotel. Guest speaker Dr. Chas. Delano of Springfield gave an informative lecture on "Care of Our Feet." An intensive membership campaign is the summer project of this group.

President Kay Rasche, Hygienist and former Public Health Director in Jo-Davies County, reports enthusiastically on the progress of the Decatur Dental Assistants Society since its recent reorganization. Kay and Ruth Backensto, program chairman, are working hard on plans and meeting with girls in high school in an effort to interest them in dental assisting as their career. The June meeting of this group presented Mildred Moore, head of the physiotherapy department at Decatur and Macon County Hospitals, with her lecture on "Techniques of Physiotherapy." She demonstrated advancement in treatment of polio.

News from Indiana

Thelma Dux, Publicity Chairman for the Indianapolis Dental Assistants Society, reports a huge success in its recent membership drive. Recent lectures included Dr. William Crawford and the Dairy Council. Three members of the Indianapolis society presented a delightful puppet show on WFBM-TV with "Child Health" as its theme.

At a recent meeting of the Fort Wayne Dental Assistants Society at the Hobby House, President Donna Knispel announced the beginning of its first Certification Course under the direction of Jo Quinn. Drs. E. F. Mast, John R. White, J. M. McClure, J. B. Shaw, D. E. Alexander and T. F. Amey will be in charge of the lecture and study classes. Margaret Younghaus gave a short biography of Juliette Southard, founder of ADAA. Mrs. Ralph Chalfant is Publicity Chairman of this society.

News from Michigan

Barbara Beven, reporter for the Detroit Dental Assistants Society, writes of recent educational meetings of this group including Dr. J. F. Smiggen on "Personalities," Helen A. Stazewski, Probate Officer of the Recorder's Court, on "The Adult Offender," Miriam Hewlett on "The Red Cross in Action," Sgt. Elizabeth Grindle of the Detroit Police Department, Youth Bureau, on "Youth Problems," Dr. Henry Vandenberg with his lecture and film on "Cancer," and a clinic night presenting Mary Robinson with "Plastic Fillings" and Eva Trovarelli on "Gold Inlay Preparations." At the 7th Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Dental Assistants Association Marion Bates presented her clinic entitled "Charting Teeth." The May meeting of this group brought the annual election of officers and June was the time for the traditional installation of officers and the Annual Outing.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from Minnesota

The Minnesota Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association held its Annual Clinician's Banquet in May at Napoleon's Cafe. Honored guests included State President, State Secretary and, of course, clinicians at the recent State Convention. Miniature trophies were presented each clinician for her efforts by President Carol Shulz. Both Minneapolis and St. Paul District Societies presented as their program in April and May respectively a Navy sponsored film entitled "Dental Assisting in the Navy." Carol Shulz and Ruth Asp are making a summer project of visiting societies throughout the state in an effort to double membership. Good luck, girls!

News from Iowa

The Dubuque District Dental Assistants Society presented Roberta Phillips of the Bell Telephone Co. with two interesting and educational films and John Troglia, representative

of the S. S. White Co. with his talk on "The Assistant in the Dental Office" at recent meetings.

The Waterloo District Dental Assistants Society has presented interesting meetings of late including Dr. I. J. Frost speaking on "Pharmacology," Dr. Benjamin Coppick speaking on "Impression Materials" and a movie on "X-ray Technique."

At a recent meeting of the North Central Dental Assistants Society, a motion to affiliate itself to the State and National Associations was unanimously passed. Four members of this group are preparing posters for display at the State Meeting.

The May meeting of the Southwest Iowa District Dental Assistants Society took the form of a steak fry in Red Oak at which time the girls entertained their doctors and their wives. President Winifred LeMaster has prepared a poster for the State Meeting. Thanks go to Pat Fitzgerald, Publicity Chairman, for this news.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Kansas

The State Meeting of the Kansas State Dental Assistants Association was successful in every way, says Opal Iorger, Editor of Kansas State Dental Assistants Bulletin. The educational features offered included Dr. Kirk Dutton of Topeka with "How to Obtain a Raise," Dr. Lyman Westcott with the Veterans Administration in Wichita on "You Can't See The Wind," Dr. Ernest Seydell of Wichita with "Hawaii Calls," Dr. Howard Girard, Ritter Representative, on "Fundamentals of Dental X-ray Technique" and Archanna Morrison on "Practice Management." A stimulating panel discussion conducted by Dr. Dan Hedge as moderator and the excellent clinics and posters contributed to the educational benefits available to dental assistants. The social side of the convention included a coffee on Sunday morning, a special party for new members, the gala Dinner-Dance on Monday night and the Luncheon on Tuesday. A Certification Examination was held at this meeting in the Pearce Dental Laboratory. The site of this meeting was the Allis Hotel in Wichita in May. It was announced that 20 new members have been gained for Kansas in the past three months. Good work, girls!

The Hutchinson Dental Assistants Society, says Cleo Morgan, Secretary-Treasurer, has 16 members enrolled in its Certification Course. With Dr. Hofer as Dean and Dr. Hopkins as Assistant, the classes are being held at St. Elizabeth's Nurses' Home.

Mildred Kroft, President of Kansas City Dental Assistants Society, reports the guest speaker at the April meeting was Earl Peterson, Chief, Probation Office of Juvenile Court, Wyandotte County, with his topic "Your Juvenile Court." The May meeting

of this group was the Annual Breakfast held each year to initiate the new members. Everyone comes in full uniform, the membership committee conducts the ceremony and, despite the fact it is held at 6:30 A.M., is attended by the full membership.

The Wichita Dental Assistants Society had an interesting guest speaker recently in the person of Dr. C. E. Brewster. Following his talk, Trudy Parker presented two clinics, on "Helpful Hints" and "Recall System." Three former members are back in the fold again after completing their training as Hygienists. They are Trudy Parker and Doris and Don Kaufman. Welcome home, girls! The Fourth Certification Course is now under way with 30 girls enrolled. Dr. Glen Thomas is serving as Dean with a Planning Committee comprised of Drs. Ted Funke, C. E. Brewster and W. J. Keough.

News from Missouri

The Kansas City Dental Assistants Society held a recent meeting at Twin Oaks with Dr. Norman H. Olsen, Director of the Department of Pedodontics for the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry, as guest speaker. His topic was "Patients of Tomorrow." This group is deep in plans for a Carnival and the proceeds from this project will go to the pledges made to Heart and Polio Funds and to help defray expenses of delegates.

The Springfield District Dental Assistants Society met at the Kentwood Arms Hotel and viewed an interesting film entitled "Just Right For You" with commentary by Mr. Jim Richardson who completed his talk with a discussion of proper make-up for the dental assistant.

The St. Louis Dental Assistants Society held its May meeting at the Sheraton Hotel with Mr. C. J. Wohlwend, Medical Representative of the Abbot Laboratories, as guest speaker. Mr. Wohlwend gave an interesting lecture on the new drugs and other medications as related to the field of dentistry. The St. Louis girls announced plans for a rummage sale to be held in June and a pleasure cruise on the boat "Admiral" in August. The proceeds from these two projects will be used to defray expenses of delegates. They also call attention to the coming State Meeting to be held in St. Louis in June.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

Helen Fleming, President of Washington State Dental Assistants Association, reports glowingly of the 13th Annual Meeting held at the Hungerford Hotel in Seattle, Washington. With pride, these girls welcome ADAA President Lillian Hoffman as an honored guest and the Seattle District Dental Assistants Society served as hostesses at a reception honoring Lillian. The receiving line was impressive — Lillian, of course, Betty

Clarence, President of Seattle District, Helen Fleming, President of Washington State, Madge Tingley, ADAA Pin Chairman, and Lois Kryger, 9th District Trustee. The educational programs offered included guest speaker Dr. Cecil Bliss speaking on "Exceptional Dental Assistant," brief talks by Dr. Clyde Flood, President of Washington State Dental Association, Dr. Fred Shandley, President-Elect, Dr. George L. Vanderwall, President of Seattle District Dental Society, and Dr. R. J. Wallace, Advisor to the State Association. In addition, the table clinics presented Helen Schwartz and Zella Christie of Tacoma with "Correct and Incorrect Attire for the Dental Assistant," Aline Spaulding of Tacoma with "Endodontia," Virginia Hammons of Seattle with "Baking Porcelain," Eleanor Alvarado of Seattle with "Assistants' Aid in Prosthodontia," Louise Davis and Peggy McNamara of Spokane with "Dental X-ray" and Kathryn Michael and Donna Moore of Seattle with "Acrylic Impression Trays." A poster entitled "Assist" was entered by Frances Bruns, Mary L. Nelson and Louise Rinehart of the Mt. Baker District. This fine meeting came to an end with the gala banquet honoring President Helen Fleming at which time awards and trophies were presented the winners. The Seattle District Society won the Membership Trophy. Kathryn Michaels and Donna Moore won first award in clinics, Eleanor Alvarado won second award, Virginia Hammons won third award, and the poster "Assist" won the poster award. This banquet closed with the ever-beautiful candlelight ceremony for the installation of officers for the coming year.

Ellen Gurtner, Publicity Chairman for the Mt. Baker District Dental Assistants Society, writes of the candlelight capping service for its members now certified. Lois Kryger, 9th District Trustee, Helen Fleming, State President, and Leona Huntley, former Trustee, took part in the ceremony when caps and certificates were presented to Thelma Amsherry, Edythe Bentzen, Frances Bruns, Muriel Byron, Shirley Endicott, Connie Gowan, Ellen Gurtner, Elvia Harvey, June Hendrick, Kathryn Jacobson, Genevieve Johnson, Bea Orpahn, Lucy Quillen, Louise Reinhardt, Betty Sinclair, Arlene Strode, Dorthea Wasell and Virginia Whipple. Dorthea Wasell received special commendation for her work in organizing this group.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Arizona

Marion Small, President of Arizona State Dental Assistants Association, writes enthusiastically of the Fourth Annual Meeting held in Phoenix in April with the Phoenix Society as hostesses. 63 members and guests registered for this meeting which presented an excellent educational program including guest speakers Herbert Bain, Director of Bu-

reau of Public Information, ADA, Dr. T. H. Williams, President of Central District Dental Society of Phoenix, and Dr. Leonard Weiner of Tucson. Other honored guests included Lucille Price, 10th District Trustee, of San Antonio, Tex., and Helen Gipson and Doris Martin, both Past Presidents of the State Association. Clinics, papers and posters were entered in competition and, for the first time, trophies were awarded to the best in each group. Trophies were won by Betty Leon and June Walker of Tucson for best clinic, Julia Farrell of Phoenix for best paper, and Billie Ruth Noack of Phoenix for best poster. Awards were given Laura Jordan for travelling the longest distance and Pauline Carrasco for the longest continued service with one doctor.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from California

The April meeting of the Fresno District Dental Assistants Society was held in the Sequoia Room of the Hotel Californian. Following dinner, guest speaker Dr. Robert E. Kemp presented his lecture on "Orthodontia" and introduced two patients illustrating the progress that can be made with proper treatment. Helen Eaton reported on the San Francisco meeting, a letter of appreciation was read to the members for the toothbrushes they are supplying the Valley Children's Hospital and Guidance Clinic and the meeting concluded with a business meeting. The May meeting of this group was a dinner meeting at the Tower House. Guest speaker was Dr. Clark Mosgrove who presented an interesting clinic on "Hydrocolloid Technique." Helen Eaton concluded the program with her report on the State Convention. Our appreciation goes to Dee Scheidt for this fine report.

Mildred Ann Hollis, Reporter for the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society, cannot praise enough the Convention of Southern California State Dental Assistants Association held at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, in May. This 14th Annual Meeting had the largest attendance ever recorded, its educational program was outstanding and its social events were beautifully planned. Honored guests included Dr. Rulon Openshaw, President of So. Calif. State Dental Association, Dr. C. Albert Moss, President-Elect, Mr. James Robinson, Executive Secretary, Dr. S. Mayo Silverman, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Mrs. Bruce R. Kurtz, President of the Women's Auxiliary, Mary Ann Whalley, 11th District Trustee, and Magdalene Kulstad, 3rd Vice President of ADAA. In addition to these, the entire convention was dedicated to Mabel Lyon, twice President of ADAA and untiring worker for years for the advance of dental assisting, and Mabel was an honored guest at all meetings. 25 dental assistants, 5 from Los Angeles society, took

the Certification Examination at this meeting. A new Certification Course will begin next autumn. A panel discussion, with Drs. A. L. Everett of Huntington Park, A. E. Saunders of Long Beach, John C. Metcalf of San Marion, J. C. A. Harding of San Diego and Joseph J. Engholm of Pasadena presenting 15 minute talks on various phases of dental assisting, was an interesting part of the educational program. An informative question and answer period concluded this session. At the Awards and Installation Luncheon, the Los Angeles society received the Membership Award and the Honorable Mention Award for clinics. Each component society received a check for \$100.00 as its share in the profit from the Hawaiian Ways and Means Project when \$3400.00 was made from sale of tickets for two to Hawaii. This project netted \$2000.00 for the State society. The installation Service was the traditional candlelight ceremony with Mary Ann Whalley serving as Installing Officer and Magdalene Kulstad as Conducting Officer.

The Los Angeles society held a "Mother's Night" in May and have planned a "Doctors' Night" for June. The June meeting will also celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

The Marin County Dental Assistants Society held its March meeting at King Cotton Restaurant with guest speaker Dr. Philip Coria presenting his lecture on the Airdent Machine. The April meeting brought a preview of the clinic entitled "Stabilized Base Plates and Trays, Using Acrylic" as prepared by Mavis Bailey and presented by her at the Northern California State Dental Convention held in San Francisco. Honored guests at this meeting were a group of dental assistants from the Presidio of San Francisco. In May, the Marin County girls held their Annual Mother's Day Meeting at the Alpine Villa in Fairfax. Following dinner, guest speaker Dr. Alex Kerr and Mrs. Kerr of San Rafael showed colored slides of their recent trip to Europe and presented an interesting commentary of their experiences. Evelyn Ferrario gave an informative report of the recent State Convention and Mavis Bailey was appointed delegate to the National Convention in Miami. President Barbara Brooks asked for a full membership attendance at the June meeting at which time the new By-Laws and revised Constitution will be voted upon. This fine report comes from Mavis Bailey.

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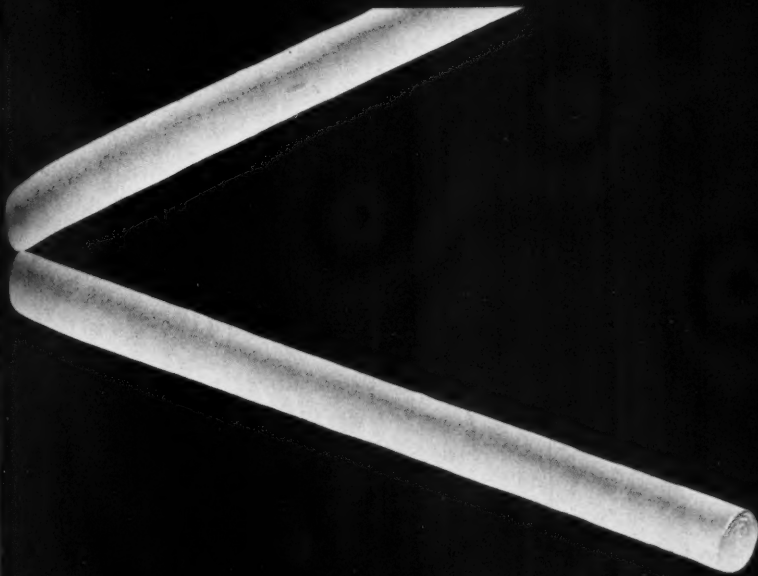
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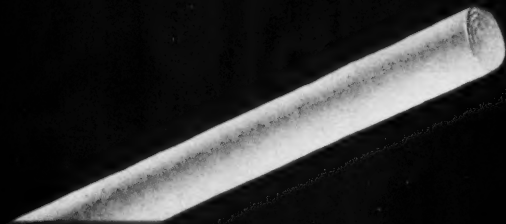
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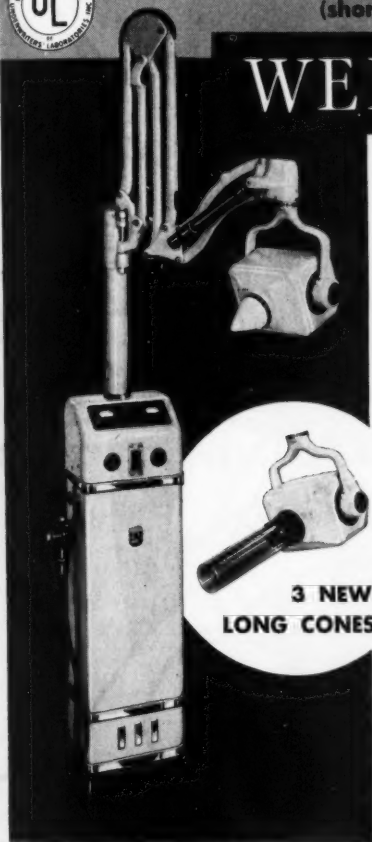


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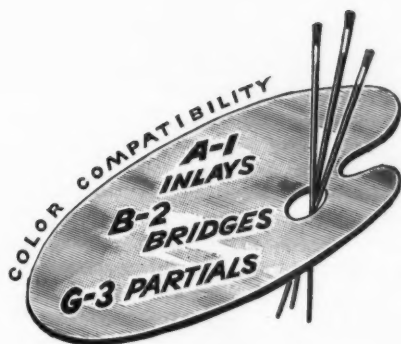
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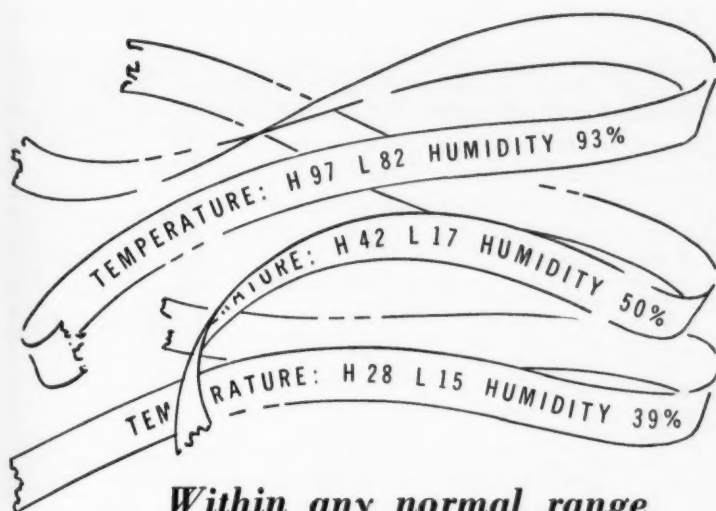
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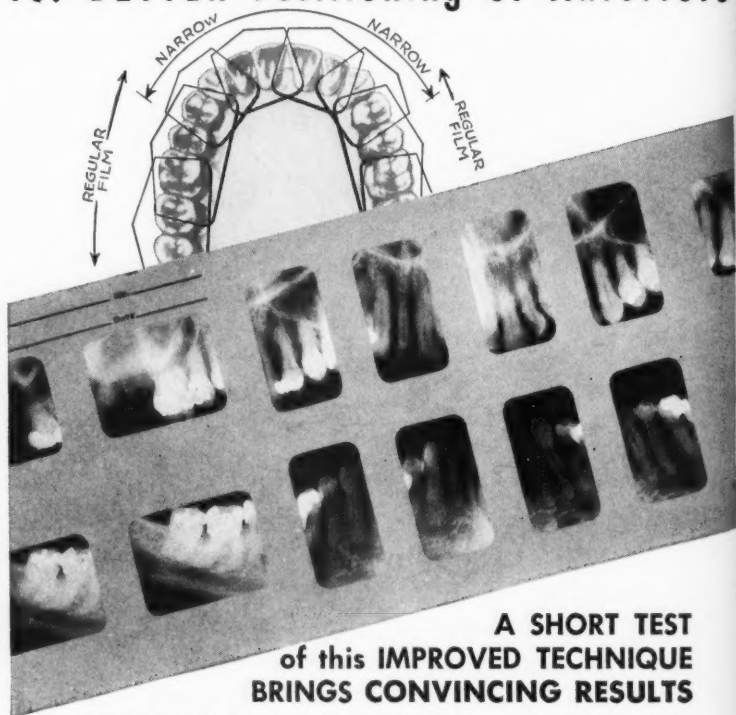
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